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July 15 - 18, 2021

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Here is a list of workshops covered this year:
What You Need to Know About Participating in One

Prior to the Pandemic, I wrote an article Should I or Shouldn’t I Join a Grief Support Group referring to in-person groups. Our lives have changed since then. Our new reality is that a virtual connection is the safest way to communicate with others.

My original article was all about getting the courage to walk through the door and sit down among strangers to share your inner most thoughts and feelings as you struggled to heal your grief. In the event of the Pandemic, that strategy has changed because we have gone from in-person groups to virtual connections. The fear doesn’t lie in walking through the door and sitting down among strangers. The new fear feels different. It’s about revealing yourself in front of a camera, in the privacy of your home, still among strangers. However, you may be feeling lonely and secluded because there aren’t other participants sitting next to you that parallel the emotions you are feeling.

You would think that would be an inviting atmosphere to those once reluctant to join an in-person group. However, it has brought about a new set of circumstances that still makes the griever hesitant to give into the world of virtual connection.

To address these lingering fears, I’ve put together a primer of what you might expect in a virtual grief group setting. These points follow the outline of my original article.

1. Virtual grief groups are only for those who are tech savvy. On the contrary, most of us were beginners the first time we clicked on a “link” to connect with others. This includes the facilitators. Virtual has crossed all professions. Lawyers, physicians, CEOs, and other high-profile positions are all in the same predicament of learning for the first time without aid of secretaries and technical support. Following the slogan of the Pandemic, “we are all in this together.” Once you’ve done it, the next time gets easier.

2. Group dynamics may differ. Nothing has changed there. Virtual connections include individuals with varying degrees of loss and unique loss experiences. What has changed is the ability to connect with people from distant cities and states that you wouldn’t have otherwise. And guess what, they feel just like you. We are all in this together.

3. Virtual grief groups are not formal therapy or professional counseling sessions. These groups are for mutual support among individuals going through loss—as a place to share experiences and learn. Virtual groups are not a place to work through the complications of grief or resolve the mental or physical ailments resulting from loss. Just a place to validate how you feel and know that you are not alone.

4. Virtual connections can provide anonymity, if you prefer that. Some people may feel anxious or embarrassed and that is why they choose not to join any group. Perhaps their losses carry stigmas, such as homicide or suicide, or drug overdoses that they don’t want revealed. Men often prefer this too as they don’t wish to discuss loss openly. Let your host know that your camera and microphone will be off, and you may remain silent or speak only at will.

5. Virtual groups do provide some of the same benefits as an in-person group such as:

- Not just a place to vent about your sadness, your uncertainty, your fears, and your shoulda, woulda, and coulda thoughts. It’s a place to
learn how to replace these insecurities with action plans to help you move past your hardest moments.

• Allow you to voice your regrets and acknowledge outbursts of anger and guilt. After all, these are real. You are protesting how loss has changed your life. These often-hidden emotions of grief can be uncovered and neutralized with positively reframing your emotions.

• A place for stories and memories. After all, it’s the positive memories that remain long after the pain of grief. They are the keepsakes that honor the lives of our loved ones. Though some memories may fade, others will continue to bring you peace.

• Share your feelings without judgement. We don’t compare losses as no one can determine that his or her loss is more significant than another’s.

• Help you understand that familial and social relationships are often misunderstood following a death. While any support group is not the place to resolve your problems, it can give you a new perspective on how to build the peace. Virtual groups provide the same kind of emotional support, education, and knowledge that an in-person group would provide.

6. Virtual groups invite and respect the role of all religions and spirituality in grief. These are the core values we honor in life. They play an important role in accepting, healing and moving forward.

7. Virtual groups can help you discover choices that may enrich your life in the future. Healing your grief sometimes involves difficult choices, forward planning, and perseverance. No one can “grieve” for you or determine your future path. You will be challenged by changing values and priorities as a result of loss. A grief group can help you recognize your options and share in your discovery that helps you define “Who am I now?”

8. Virtual groups, like in-person groups, offer HOPE. Hope thrives when you can set goals motivated by the confidence others give you. You are encouraged to establish a goal and give suggestions of a path to achieve the goal. Sharing in these groups motivates participants to grow in self-esteem, establish resiliency, and stability in their lives. Hope is the tool that contributes to our well-being and helps us survive.

9. In virtual groups, participants share gratitude for having a connection with others whom they can see and hear, especially when in-person gathering is limited. With permission, group members can decide if they wish to share personal information such as their phone, email, or address with other participants. This is essential for connecting long after the group ends (providing this is a limited week, online group, rather than a continuous support group or drop-in type group.) It’s amazing to see friendships and connections made through virtual shared experiences that benefit each other.

10. Virtual groups will continue to be a service of the future for their long-reaching capabilities. They offer accessibility and convenience for those unable to travel to a meeting (i.e. not transportation, disabled, time-restricted, needed at home). They are widely accepted in best practices of medical, corporation, and various other entities for the value they add.

Don’t shutter or even hesitate when someone suggests connecting virtually with others. Convincing yourself that “this kind of group isn’t for you” may be a hasty decision that excludes you from unconditional support and love. Though we can’t “hug” physically, every person who shares is hugged by the sincerity and friendship that radiates across the waves of technology. Technology is not a barrier. It is a bonus that unites and connects. It’s here to stay and will thrive for those who embrace it.
Hello, everyone!

I hope this finds you and your families doing well and surviving this tiresome pandemic. The past 15 months have been quite a challenge for us all.

Thank you to our National POMC Staff, the National Board of Trustees, and local POMC Chapters who have worked hard to keep everything moving forward providing support to survivors. I know many Chapters have turned to using Zoom to keep in touch with members and continue with support group meetings. Thank goodness for technology!

POMC has been a lifesaver for many of as we were forced to survive through such horrific trauma. POMC was a tremendous help to me. That is why I serve as the Chapter Leader of my local Chapter and serve on the National Board of Trustees, to honor the memory of my brother Joel who was murdered in 1999. Unfortunately, his case remains unsolved.

I am so honored and humbled to serve on the National Board of Trustees of Parents Of Murdered Children. I have been on the National Board since 2015, serving a few years as Treasurer and elected President beginning January 1, 2021. I am looking forward to the work we will all continue to accomplish together.

In 2020, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel our National Conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, we offered a virtual conference. It was not the same as in-person, but I hope you were able to participate and found it meaningful and the next best thing to being in-person. This year we will return to having our annual conference in person! Like me, I’m sure many of you missed seeing each other last year and can’t wait to get together again. I hope to see you all in July in Scottsdale, AZ.

Connie

SURVIVORS NEWSLETTER: NEW INITIATIVE

POMC will feature an unsolved murder in each Survivors newsletter. If your loved one’s murder has not been solved, send us information about the murder. The narrative can be no more than 800 words long and will be featured in an upcoming edition. We don’t want you to ever give up hope of justice for your loved one.

After 16 years, one of our Contact Persons daughters murderer was arrested and she is awaiting trial. She is very relieved that he has been caught.
Hello everyone!

The National Office and the Conference Committee has been working very hard to get this year’s Conference planned and all the planning is just about done. We are very excited for the National Conference this year because it is going to be an in-person Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona from July 15-18, 2021. Since last year we had to cancel the Conference in Atlanta, Georgia which was so devastating, it has made the 2021 Conference more precious to plan. We are going to follow all the CDC guidelines and will make it safe. We have purchased masks for everyone and will follow the social distancing. Now with vaccines more common and people not as afraid of Covid-19 we hope that our Conference will be well attended and the attendees will find comfort being with other survivors. It is not too late to register.

With Covid-19 becoming more stable we hope to be able to plan our Grief Retreat Weekend again. It is a self-help weekend giving you the courage to grieve, to face the many overwhelming and difficult emotions that are the aftermath of murder, often compounded by the intrusion and frustration of the judicial process. Beneath the explosive emotions rage, hate and revenge lay the more primary feelings of pain, fear and helplessness. Unresolved, these emotions can cause survivors to feel they are losing their minds. The isolation survivors feel from those who will not or cannot deal with the impact of the loss, leave survivors alone with their grief or discourage them from grieving at all. An integral part of this weekend will be an examination of love, tenderness and affection, relaxation techniques and the encouragement to move forward, uncover and experience with a safe environment of others who truly understand. The retreat has been designed to influence the reconstruction of a new life – a life that has a renewed sense of purpose, though forever changed by murder. The weekend goes from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch and all meals are included. The cost is $154 and there are scholarships available to help with the cost. Check the website as we will have the date on the POMC homepage when available.

Also we can plan our Effective Leadership Training which is for Chapter Officers and Board of Directors to help develop their Chapter and having the attendees receive the certification that they need to keep their Chapter in compliance with POMC’s policies.

In closing, I hope that everyone still stays safe and healthy even though the COVID 19 is starting to stabilize it is not totally gone so we still need to follow the CDC guidelines until things are totally back to normal which seems to be right around the corner.

Hope to see you at the Conference in July in Scottsdale!

Bev
The Challenges Faced by Survivors of Homicide

The devastation and psychological aftermath that families suffer following the killing of a loved one are extreme and long-lasting. If it’s their child that has been murdered, the trauma will most probably last a lifetime.

Many of the problems faced by survivors of homicide are also true for non-homicide loss parents and individuals mourning the death of a loved one, but many are not. This is what makes loss through homicide a particularly harsh and unique grief journey.

Initial shock at the news is followed by all manner of emotional responses as individual as the co-victim themselves. These can range from: panic attacks, utter physical exhaustion, repetitive thoughts about the manner of the killing, dealing with added stressors if their child was kidnapped, tortured or raped prior to being killed, insomnia, inability to concentrate or carry out the simplest of tasks, rage, numbness, guilt, depressions… to name but a few. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is the most common symptom. Yet other mental health issues are often diagnosed requiring treatment and therapy.

And on top of all of these psychological responses comes the grief.

The inability to function can leave co-victims at the mercy of events. It puts a tremendous strain on relationships and on their ability to work or carry out the simplest of tasks. Survivors feel unable to deal with police questioning, organizing the funeral, attending the coroner’s hearing (if there is one), reading the autopsy and medical examiner’s reports, handling media coverage, understanding legal procedures, the payment of bills, collecting their child’s belonging from the police… the list goes on and on.

If the child murdered was young or an adolescent, the chances are that he or she may have siblings living in the same household. This puts added pressure on parents who feel they must help their surviving children come to terms with what has happened, at the very time when they themselves can barely function.

Equally, if the victim was an adult, other tragic situations may arise. These may range from young children being orphaned (who the grandparents will often try and look after if legally allowed to do so) to losing a friend or main caregiver, if the parents are old or infirm. In domestic violence cases where a mother is murdered, it’s not uncommon for the partner to also kill the children, and themself. Families can lose two generations, not one, in these harrowing situations.

Faced with such tragedy, you may well ask yourself whether you have the strength or know-how necessary to help. Believe me, you do!

No one is expecting you to have the answers, because there aren’t any.

You may be confused by the justice system as a co-victim, and as bewildered by other aspects of what is happening, but you won’t be in shock or experience complex grief. And that’s the crucial difference.

So don’t hesitate, turn up! You are a tower of strength in the eyes of the suffering co-victim. You’re a genius who understands forms, letters, emails and can make phone calls, drive a car and bring around groceries. Do what you can, and offer to help whenever the opportunity presents itself. Even the simplest of tasks can be too much for a survivor of homicide. I couldn’t drive, I couldn’t cook, I couldn’t remember any passwords to write emails or access my bank account. I was utterly incapacitated in the months following my son’s murder. Even one year later, I still found daily tasks required super-human strength to be completed. And I am not the exception, I am the norm.

Never underestimate how much support a co-victim really needs.

Do they need the dog walked? Walk the dog. Do they need to choose flowers for the funeral, the hymns, or clothes to wear? Drive them to the florist, the church, the shops, and help them make decisions.

Are they physically falling apart? Do they look ill? Accompany them to the doctor, get them their prescriptions, phone them to check how they’re doing. They can’t sleep? Buy them herbal teas, books, or scented candles. Chat with them online if it’s late just so they know you are there. Their house is a mess? Help clean, iron, cook.

Do their still-living children need to be picked up from football? Be the one who waits for these children. They are also traumatized, and need love and support. Are their elderly parents also grieving and needing a hand to hold? Pop by the residential home and spend time with these grandparents who are co-victims themselves. You get the picture.

Anything and everything you do to support them will be invaluable, and they’ll be eternally grateful.

When they cry, hold them. If they rage, don’t try to fix it. If there’s one thing a co-victim knows, it’s that...
thinking of them couldn’t be easier. So take the initiative, and chat to them on Messenger, WhatsApp, or FaceTime, regularly. It really does help because often, in those initial stages, conversation eludes us. Replying with an emoji is about as much as we can manage.

If we lose it and shout and scream, take a deep breath and don’t take it personally. Outbursts of anger and expressed anguish are normal; all this pain has to come out somehow. We are drowning in so much horror that simply breathing is super-human effort. The energy needed to do even the most basic of things is beyond us.

As I wrote to another parent some months ago, people around us have absolutely no idea how exhausting it really is for a grieving parent to simply function on a normal level. When you add to that the extra work and stress that accompanies the aftermath of a homicide - the criminal justice system, the medical and police reports, the media, the reality of the violence inflicted on our child or loved one - we are left utterly debilitated. This invariably results in complex grief.

The fact is that the tragic aftermath of a homicide will usually remain hidden from public view. The media doesn’t cover this aspect of murder, and people don’t tend to ask because of fear or lack of confidence. Homicide survivors find it difficult to describe the magnitude of their sorrow - let alone publicize it - because they are so devastated and traumatized by the brutality and violence of the murder and the loss of their child or loved one. Additionally, society’s reaction to their suffering (and often to the murder itself) can result in co-victims keeping to themselves. Years of deep psychological trauma, court appearances and unexpected financial costs are part of a narrative that the majority of people not directly affected by the homicide will probably never see.

But it doesn’t have to be like this.

In addressing the many different issues often faced by survivors of homicide, I hope to have given insight into the very particular challenges faced by victims’ families. In so doing, I hope to allow for greater compassion and understanding. It would be wonderful if every single reader of this series came away feeling more able to help a homicide survivor. In some small way, it would give meaning to my own grief journey, by honoring the memory of my eldest son and that of all those children and adults taken too soon.

To Read Part III - please go to stillstanding-mag.com/2018/01/13/part-iii-crisis-trauma-justice-system/
Maintaining the Beauty of the MURDER WALL...Honoring Their Memories

Time and much travel have put stress on the many panels of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories, and scratches, nicks, and dents need to be repaired. Many of the cases that are used to transport the Wall have split or broken, handles have fallen off, and the protective material inside each case needs to be replaced.

Currently, the Wall is made up of 34 panels, displaying over 4,000 victims’ names, dates of birth and dates of death.

In order to maintain the beauty of the Wall, POMC continues to seek donations to help make some of the repairs. To help, please use the form below.

Donations made in memory/honor of, will be in the next issue of Survivors.

POMC-Wall Repair
(Please Print)

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Amount enclosed: $_________  Check:____
Money Order :____  Visa:_____   MC:______
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Return to:
Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.
635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104
Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

WALL BOOKLETS HONOR THEIR MEMORIES

POMC’s Murder Wall...Honoring their Memories is a beautiful memorial to the more than 4,000 murder victims whose names appear on the Wall. Behind each name there is a face and a story of a person whose life was taken prematurely. It is time to tell those stories.

Memorial booklets, which travel with the Wall, are compiled as an ongoing project of National POMC. Cost is $20.00 to include one page, front and back without a photo, or $30.00 if you wish to have a photo included. The photos are non-returnable and must be no larger than 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches.

Forms are available on the POMC Web Site at: www.pomc.org or by calling National at (513) 721-5683.
The names that appear in this issue of *Survivors* are those that have been submitted to the National Organization of POMC, Inc., with full or partial payment before May 28, 2021. Names after this date will appear in the next issue.

The Wall consists of solid walnut panels with each holding 120 brass plates inscribed with the name of the victim, along with the date of birth and the date of death. A donation of $75 is required before a name will be inscribed on a plate and permanently mounted on a panel. (See order form inside this edition.) Not only is this donation a tribute to the memory of your loved one, but it is a tribute that will guarantee that the memory of those we miss so deeply will survive forever. The Wall is a powerful statement of the violence in our society and of the numbers of loved ones senselessly killed by others. Not only does it give comfort, but also hope, because every name on it cries out silently for awareness, prevention and justice.

### Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories Order Form

Anyone interested in having their loved one’s name inscribed and permanently mounted on the Wall should fill out the order form below. Make checks payable to “POMC Wall,” or for your convenience, Discover, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.

Send to: Parents Of Murdered Children, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

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Relationship to victim

The name will be added to the panel upon payment in full. Once your plate has been permanently mounted on the panel, you will be notified. New panels join the Wall as they are completed.
Parole Block™ is a program of the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

Parole Block Program

1764 Convicted murderers have been denied parole through POMC’s Parole Block Program!

Support the Parole Block Program
In Memory of:

- Dwayne Chubb
  From Albert & Dorothy Chubb
- Shannon Marie & Alexandra
  Jordan Nolan-Broe
  From LC & Sherry Nolan
- James “Jay” Hitt
  From Deborah Hitt
- David Pottinger
  From Carolie Hildenbrandt
- Steven Isheim
  From Terry Isheim
- Becky Reed
  From James & Ann Reed
- Janet Leonhardt
  From Carol Leonhardt
- Timothy Staunton
  From Denise Coleman
- Scott Lewis
  From Jean Lewis
- Lisa Marie Weaver
  From Howard & Ann Klerk

Ruby Mays
From Jeanne Mays

Hearing Results:

Denied Petitions:


Letters From The Parole Block Program

Hello,
Just letting you know that Tommy S Pandur, A217358, was denied parole and kept in for another 3 years.
Thanks for all your help and POMC.
Everything is much appreciated.
Kim Fojkar

Re: Federal Parole for Ronnie Curtis Reg. # 14366-045
Good afternoon,
We learned about an hour ago that Federal Parole was denied. Needless to say we are relieved. Others are free from harm.
The hearing took place in Marion, Illinois federal prison on March 17. My husband, Dave, and I attended along with my sister, Bernadette, and her daughter, Abbey.
We also had at least 8 other family/friends participate via video conference at federal courthouses in Scranton, PA, San Francisco, CA, and Raleigh, NC.
We want to thank each of you for any letters of support you may have provided this time as well as those in past years. We can’t tell you how much it makes a difference!
The next federal parole hearing is expected to be in March 2023. As before, I hope we can still call on you for support. We’ve been told the hearing officer (which has been different each of the three times we attended) only relies on information provided since the last hearing, thus the constant need for support!
Thank you again for taking time out to help us. We are forever grateful.
Wishing you all a healthy and safe summer.
Anne (Halpin) Slifer
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On October 15, 1984, Sandie Miller, 18, was beaten, raped, sodomized and strangled to death by Ike Lee Brown Jr. He had been out of prison on parole for 2 ½ months after serving time for rape of a minor when he murdered Sandie. He left her body in a vacant apartment where she was found 3 days later.

Brown was convicted of murder, rape, and rape of a child. He was sentenced to life in prison. He will have only served 37 years when he is considered for parole.

We, the undersigned STRONGLY OPPOSE parole for Ike Lee Brown Jr. Justice demands he serve the full prison term of life given to him at the time he was sentenced for this heinous crime.

TDCJ Victim Services Division
8712 Shoal Creek Blvd.
Austin, TX  78757
E-mail: victim.svc@tdcj.texas.gov
Fax #: (512) 452-0825

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On December 24, 1989, Rene Enriquez AKA Boxer ordered the murder of Cynthia Figueroa Gaivadon. Enriquez was on parole when this was ordered. He is quoted in a book he co-wrote saying “He was going to make an example of her” and “give her a ride to hell”. Rene thought Cynthia was stealing from him. He is a strong and powerful member of the Mexican Mafia and has led a life of Crime since the age of 11. Cynthia was only 27 years old and a single mom of two small children ages 6 and 8.

Rene Enriquez was convicted of murder and he was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. He will have served only 28 years when he is considered for parole. Four times he was granted parole and four times the governor(s) of California have reversed his parole, stating he is still a danger to any community.

We, the undersigned STRONGLY OPPOSE release for Rene Enriquez. Justice demands he serve the full prison term given to him at the time he was sentenced for this heinous crime and not let him roam our streets.

Board Of Parole Hearings
Attn: Pre-Hearing Correspondence
PO Box 4036
Sacramento, CA  95812-4036

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On July 22,1991, 28 year old Kim Marie Martello was brutally strangled by her business partner, Richard L. Lockridge. Three days before he murdered her she had gone to the authorities and told them about the shady business dealings he was trying to involve her in. She confronted him on Saturday and he said we’ll discuss it on Monday. Go have fun with your family this weekend. Monday he was already in another part of their warehouse and violently strangled Kim and then put the lifeless Kim in a cardboard box and put her in the back of her own truck. He drove over an hour to Palm Springs, CA desert and dumped her on a trash pile in 115 degree heat. He then went home to his wife & two little girls like just another day at the office. Her decomposed body was found three days later but unrecognizable and could only be identified with dental records. Three days after murdering Kim, he and his wife and daughters got on a plane and flew to Disney World in Florida.

He was arrested shortly after returning but made bail and delayed our trial for 42 months changing attorneys 5 times. It didn’t take the jury but a couple of hours to come to a decision of Guilty of Murder. He was convicted of 1st degree Murder w/Malice Aforethought, and sentenced to 25 to Life on Feb.1st, 1995. He has served 26 years and for our family he can now serve the LIFE PART. Kim was Sentenced to Death our family has been Grieving for 30 years when we go to our 5th Parole Hearing July 15, 2021. We want Justice for Kim.

We, the undersigned STRONGLY OPPOSE parole for Richard L. Lockridge. Justice demands he serve the full prison term of life given to him at the time he was sentenced for this heinous crime.

California Board Of Parole Hearings
Attn: Prehearing Correspondence
PO Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

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Thank You

Thanks to all those who have chosen POMC as their charity of choice. Your donation has helped thousands of surviving family members; stopped the early release of 1,764 convicted murderers; assisted in POMC’s Second Opinion Services; provided the National newsletter, Survivors, to those who cannot afford it and so much more. POMC’s outreach would not be able to exist without your continued support.

In Memory of

Hugo Bauer
From Dale & Janet Olson

JaMar Beauford
From Georgette Beauford-Clements

Asher King Boatwright
From Shannon Boatwright

Emanuel Prince Boatwright
From Shannon Boatwright

Leon Bond
From Patricia Bond

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From Henry & Audrey Bosley

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Dwayne Chubb
From Dorothy & Albert Chubb

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From Sue & Bill Dupee

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From Richard & Lynn Gelman

Laurel Susan Grams-Rau
From P.D. Evens

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From Wilfred Guzman Jr.

Alexis Olivia Harris
From Anne Harris

James “Jay” Hitt
From Deborah Hitt

Steven Isheim
From Terry Isheim

Kimberly LaShara Jacobs
From Linda Jacobs

David Kazmouz
From Fay Mead

Kent Lawrence
From Jacqueline Lawrence

Janet Leonhardt
From Carol Leonhardt

In Memory of

Scott Jonathan Lewis
From Jean Lewis

Billy May Jr
From Richarda May-Taylor

Ruby Mays
From Jeanne Mays

Richard McGann
From Laura Miller

Terri Nadeau
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From Denise Coleman

Dorothy Mae Stone
From Lisa Hewitt & Matthew Koppel

Tonya Wallace
From Barbara Stonestreet

Lisa Marie Weaver
From Howard & Ann Klerk

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Ruth Widmer
From Alyce Tyler

Tommy Linane Winn
From Gail Linan Winn

Julia Ann Woodward
From Cecily O’Connor

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IN MEMORIAM
Robbie (Robert) Sargent

Our POMC family member Robbie Sargent died suddenly, on May 17, 2021, at age 37. After Robbie’s medical and personal life were complicated by a TBI that ended his career with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, he began his battle with epilepsy. As was characteristic of our Robbie, he was valiant in many battles against: murderers, discriminators, domestic violence perpetrators, and flawed components of our criminal and political justice systems. He was an ardent advocate for victims of any kind, and was an impassioned member living by the mission of serving as a loving support of Parents Of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Victim Survivors. Robbie’s courageous, positive, and loving spirit, despite whatever challenges life presented, was an inspiration to all of us that were fortunate enough to have him in our lives.

Robbie Sargent became a member of our Maryland Chapter of POMC, as soon as he was eligible, at age 18. He was our first Chapter and Board member to benefit from a POMC travel and registration scholarship to the Annual National Conference. We all became extended family to Robbie and he became a fervent supporter of so many. He was a central connection between survivors and throughout the POMC community. Robbie was constantly in contact for his own support and to support others. Regular emails, phone calls, Facebook, the POMC Directory, and personal visits could be expected from Robbie. He contacted us as his “fake mothers”, as no one can replace his real mom, at least once a week like a real son. In addition to being on the National Board of Trustees, he was a part of many Conference Committees, and active member of Maryland, Philadelphia and New Jersey Chapters. Every National Conference he attended was a family reunion between our Robbie and the greater POMC community.

Both his grandmother Betty Sargent and Robbie Sargent have been long term POMC members. Robbie’s mother, and daughter to Betty Sargent, Sandy, was murdered by Robbie’s father during domestic violence while his younger sister and he were barely school aged. He helplessly heard and shook in fear, from his bedroom. Robbie, Betty, and Warren fought valiantly to block his father’s parole. Despite having to face parole boards every year or second year on the anniversary of her murder, to keep his father accountable, as with many states, WV released his father. As with many convicted murderers, his father was paroled by his 25th year in prison (approximately 95% are paroled by 25 years nationally). He fought against his father’s parole, advocated for parole blocks for murderers, and he was an activist on behalf of all survivors of murder victims to have rights. Robbie is survived by his parenting grandparents Betty and Warren Sargent, his sister Dawn, step-siblings, many relatives, and multiple POMC family members that he always loved to make laugh to console or comfort others in the face of horror. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to his beloved organization, POMC, in memory of Robbie Sargent.

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Hearing Date: November 2021
Andrew John Morrison ID#: 00687514

On May 23, 1984, Brian Higgins, age 21, of Texas, and several of his co-workers (5 guys and 2 girls) went to a bar and grill located in a hotel in Dallas, Texas after getting off work at midnight to eat and hang out. One of the girls, Natonia, was dating Andrew Morrison, a security guard at the hotel. Morrison came into the bar and grill looking for Natonia, angry because she had allegedly stood him up for a date that night. Morrison had been drinking. He walked by their table, glaring at Natonia, and continued to drink at the bar while arguing with the girl. When the restaurant closed at 2:00 am, all 8 of them walked to the parking lot. The girl confiscated Morrison’s car keys because he was too intoxicated to drive and asked Brian if he would drive Morrison home on his way home; the rest were going to Denny’s for breakfast. When Brian reached Morrison’s apartment, Morrison shot Brian in the head. Morrison was convicted of first degree murder and he was sentenced to 55 years in prison. He will have served only 27 years when he is considered for parole.

We, the undersigned STRONGLY OPPOSE release for Andrew John Morrison. Justice demands he serve the full prison term given to him at the time he was sentenced for this heinous crime and not let him roam our streets.

Texas Board Of Pardons and Parole
TDCJ – Victim Services Division
8712 Shoal Creek Blvd. Suite 265
Austin, TX 78757-1032
There are hundreds of survivors across the U.S. who volunteer for the National Organization of POMC as Chapter Leaders, Co-Leaders, Contact Persons and State Coordinators. If you are at a point in your life where you are ready to reach out to others who have suffered the loss of a loved one due to violence, please contact me. The following states need someone to offer support services through phone, email, support group meetings, & court accompaniment, etc.:

- Alabama
- District of Columbia
- Hawaii
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Rhode Island
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

Thank you to the following Chapters for dedication, compassion and selflessness shown through their continued efforts to provide on-going emotional support to others through phone calls, email, support group meetings, court accompaniment, local events bringing about awareness, education, and advocacy to victims of crime, and remembrance programs for the surviving family members whose loved ones lives were taken from them.

In this 2021 anniversary, POMC acknowledges those Chapters with Articles of Association that were signed between May 1st and August 31st of the year they became a probationary POMC Chapter:

- Saginaw County Chapter/MI-- 8 years
- San Antonio Chapter /TX-- 32 years
- Chicago Area Chapter/IL- -17 years
- The Fort Myers Florida-Lee County Chapter/FL--5 years
- Central Illinois Chapter/IL--30 years
- Colorado Front Range Chapter/CO--- 38 years
- Greater Ventura County Chapter/CA-- 16 years
- Greater Orange County Chapter/CA-- 16 years

CP/SC/CL UPDATES

If you have a message of interest, a great fundraising idea, upcoming Chapter events, special awards or recognitions received or ideas that you would like to share with our “POMC family”, please mail them to my attention: Sherry Nolan at National POMC or email them to snolan@pomc.org. The deadline for receipt of the next newsletter articles is September 1, 2021. Please note: due to deadlines or overflow of articles, etc., we may not be able to include all of those received in the next SNL, but may keep them for future newsletters.
Volunteers are essential in fulfilling our mission!

Nothing teaches hope, kindness, courage, and compassion like helping others.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time...they just have the heart.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the many Contact Persons and State Coordinators throughout the U.S. who also offer valuable services to those survivors in their state who reach out to them for additional support, especially when there is not a POMC Chapter nearby. These volunteers are willing to spend time talking, and especially listening, to others about their loss. Let us recognize all of our volunteers who have offered continuous supportive services to others for many years.

Let Us Recognize the Volunteer Members of the POMC National Board of Trustees (NBOT)

We Honor...

CONNIE SHEELY

PRESIDENT NBOT, CHAPTER LEADER SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA CHAPTER AND CO-CHAIR POMC NATIONAL CONFERENCES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER BROTHER

JOEL MICHAEL HOLBROOK AGE: 33 YEARS

LORI KING

VICE PRESIDENT NBOT, VICTIM ADVOCATE ODRC/OVC, MEMBER OF GREATER CINCINNATI AREA AND CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER SISTER

GENEVA ANN O’DELL AGE: 31 YEARS
SURVIVORS

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**MARTHA LASHER-WARNER**
SECRETARY NBOT, CHAPTER LEADER ALBANY, NEW YORK (CAPITAL DISTRICT) CHAPTER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER DAUGHTER
LIZA ELLEN WARNER    AGE:  29 YEARS

**CATHY FAMILATHE**
TREASURER NBOT, CHAPTER LEADER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER NEPHEW
ANTHONY RAY MAYNEZ    AGE:  18 YEARS

**BECKIE MILLER**
NBOT MEMBER, CONTACT PERSON ARIZONA, HAS PRESENTED WORKSHOPS AT POMC NATIONAL CONF. FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS FACILITATED GRIEF RETREATS IN ARIZONA FOR POMC

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER SON
BRIAN RAY MILLER    AGE:  18

**CAROLEE BROOKS HILDENBRANDT**
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER BROTHER-IN-LAW
WILLIAM HERBERT FREITAG  AGE: 29 YEARS

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER SISTER
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER GRANDPARENTS

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER NEPHEW
STEPHEN MICHAEL SANCHEZ  AGE: 20 YEARS
ATTENTION:
NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP THROUGH FACEBOOK.
Are you on Facebook? If so make sure to join our Facebook support group which is being used as a topic forum to talk among one another, share stories of your loved one and lean on one another for support. You can join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOFFICIAL

Please note, this is the ONLY official online POMC support group. If you belong to other groups claiming to be POMC please be aware that they are not affiliated with or representatives of POMC.

We still have our National page on Facebook as well which is used for updates within the organization and National Office as well as other important information. Again, this is the ONLY official page for POMC (besides Chapter pages) so please be aware if you are linked with other pages claiming to be a POMC Facebook account. You can access our National Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NationalPOMC.

*REMEMBER*
Has something changed? Please, let POMC know if your name, address, email or phone number have changed. Call us toll free at (888) 818-7662 or email us at natlpomc@pomc.org

POMC Catalog Available
POMC’s “Journey Through Grief” catalog is available by contacting POMC at: (513) 721-5683. The catalog can also be downloaded from our website at: www.pomc.org.

The catalog provides color photos and a listing for all POMC items: books, bumper stickers, brochures, clothing, magnets, music, etc.

Information on items for POMC’s National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, special gifts, memorials, and tributes are also included in the catalog.

Contact POMC today for your free copy.

Our future depends on you!
Please remember the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children in your will and estate planning.
Thank you for keeping us in mind.

Dedication Page Information
Dedication Pages are included in each publication of the Survivors Newsletters. Not only is this a way to memorialize our loved ones, it also helps to defray the cost of publishing the newsletter. We offer this opportunity to pay tribute with poems, photos (black and white only), letters/loving thoughts or special requests.

The prices for dedication pages are as follows: $35.00 for a quarter page, $65.00 for a half page or $125.00 for a full page.

Send item and appropriate donation to “Dedication Page,” POMC, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203. Please include your name and daytime phone number in case we have to contact you for clarification.

Did you know Amazon.com is a POMC sponsor?
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Please find enclosed $10.00 for my annual subscription (three issues) for the Survivors Newsletter ($25.00 outside the United States). Please consider adding an extra subscription fee to help defray the cost for someone who cannot afford to subscribe.

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Enclosed is an extra $__________ donation for someone in need and is given in:
Memory of:_________________________________
Honor of:___________________________________

All those donating an extra gift ‘in loving memory of’, or ‘in honor of’ will be listed in the next issue of the Survivors newsletter. To have POMC send a letter acknowledging your gift to the family, please provide family’s name, address, city, state, and zip code.

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Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45203
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